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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE MISSISSIPPI

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

October 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1860.

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BAPTIST BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

MINUTES

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Miss., Oct. 13, 1860.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day, with the Friendship Church, Pike County, Miss.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. McKnight, from 1st Corinthians, 15th ch. 58th verse.

After a short recess, the delegates from the churches composing the Association assembled in the house, and were called to order by Elder Z. Reeves.

A hymn of praise was sung, and Elder W. M. Stambaugh led in prayer.

ITEM 1. Elder M. S. Shirk and brother L. A. Duncan were appointed Reading Clerks.

ITEM 2. Letters from the Churches were called for, and read; the names of their delegates enrolled, and their statistics minuted—Elder H. McKnight acting as Clerk. (See Statistical Table.)

ITEM 3. The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder Z. Reeves Moderator, and Elder H. McKnight Clerk. Brethren W. F. Cain and W. P. Dodds acting as tellers.

ITEM 4. Ministering brethren of our faith and order, and not members of the Association, were invited to seats, and to a participation in the deliberations of the Association, which invitation was accepted by Elders Hugh Quin and Samuel Thigpen.

ITEM 5. Elders O. L. Johnston and W. H. Bailey were invited to preach at the stand during the afternoon, which they consented to do.

ITEM 6. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Elder S. W. Bullock, and brethren S. E. McDonald and J. B. Quin.

On Finance—Brethren J. W. Felder, D. H. Quin and J. J. Cain.

On the Order of Business—Brethren H. S. Anderson, W. F. Cain and C. C. Lea. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

On Abstract of Church Letters—Elders W. Green, M. S. Shirk and S. W. Bullock.

ITEM 7. Letters of Correspondence from sister Associations were called for, and read, as follows:

From Ebenezer Association—A letter by the hands of her Messenger, brother J. F. Cole.

From Pearl River Association—A letter and package of minutes, by the hands of Elder W. H. Bailey, her Messenger.

From Union Association—A letter and package of minutes, by the hands of he Messengers, Elders S. Buffkin and O. L. Johnston.

From Mississippi River Association—Brother L. A. Duncan was received as a Messenger.

The Moderator extended to said messengers the hand of fellowship, and invited them to seats.

ITEM 8. On motion of brother W. F. Cain, the following brethren were appointed a committee on Sabbath Schools, to report on Monday, viz: W. F. Cain, W. M Stambaugh and H. McKnight.

ITEM 9. A communication from the Mississippi Baptist Education Society was presented, by Elder S. Thigpen; which, on motion, was read and referred to a committee consisting of brethren D. H. Quin and W. P. Dodds, to report on Monday.

ITEM 10. On motion, Elders H. McKnight, W. M. Stambaugh, and brother J. R. Cotton were appointed a committee on Obituaries.

ITEM 11. The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

That Elders M. S. Shirk, W. M. Stambaugh and W. Green preach on Lord's Day, in the order of their names; and Elders W. W. Keep, S. Buffkin and H. Williams preach on Monday in the order of their names.

ITEM 12. The following appointments were made by the Moderator:

To the Mississippi River Association—Elders M. S. Shirk and H. McKnight. Brother Shirk to write the letter of correspondence.

To the Union Association—Elders C. L. Oliver and H. H. Thompson as Messengers. Brother Thompson to write. On motion, Elder Z. Reeves was also appointed as a Messenger.

To the Pearl River Association—Elder S. W. Bullock as Messenger. On motion, Elder Z. Reeves was also appointed a Messenger. Brother H. McKnight to write.

To Ebenezer Association—Elders W. Clark and J. A. Wroten as Messengers. Brother Wroten to Write.

To Eastern La. Association—Elders W. Clark and E. Young as Messengers. Brother Young to write.

ITEM 13. Brother W. F. Cain offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up on Sunday, for Missionary purposes.

On motion, brethren W. F. Cain, W. P. Dodds and L. A. Duncan were appointed to take up said collection.

ITEM 14. Prayer meeting appointed at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ITEM 15. On motion the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder W. H. Bailey.

EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

Elder M. S. Shirk preached at 11 o'clock, from Eph., 6th chapter, 17th verse; after which, a public collection was taken up for Missionary purposes, amounting to $49 70.

Elder W. M. Stambaugh preached at 1 o'clock, from the Epistle of Jude, 3d verse.

The Sermons were truly able and eloquent, and the congregation was large and attentive.

MONDAY, Oct. 15th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Opened with singing and prayer; prayer by Elder Z. Reeves.

ITEM 1. The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted.

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll of delegates.
2. Read the rules of decorum and powers of the Association.
3. Call for queries.
4. Calls for petitionary letters.
5. Call for reports.
6. Call for corresponding letters.
7. Motions and resolutions.
8. Appointments.
9. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. CAIN, Chairman.

ITEM 2. The roll of delegates was called.

ITEM 3. Leave of absence was granted to brother J. E. Ford.

ITEM 4. Ministering brethren of our faith and order were again invited to seats, and to a participation in the deliberations of the Association, which invitation was accepted by Elders W. W. Keep and H. Williams.

ITEM 5. The rules of decorum and the powers of the Association were read by Elder W. Green.

ITEM 6. The following query from Mars Hill church, viz: "Is it according to apostolic practice to read sermons instead of preaching them?" was taken up; and, on motion, said query was referred to a committee consisting of brethren S. M. Brian, W. F. Cain, and W. Green.

ITEM 7. Petitionary letters from churches desiring membership in the Association, were called for. Whereupon brethren J. M. Sutton and W. Prestidge, delegates, presented a letter from the Mt. Vernon church, Lawrence County, Mississippi, petitioning for union with the Association, which letter was read, and upon examination said church being found orthodox, was received into membership, the hand of fellowship extended to her delegates, and they invited to seats.

ITEM 8. Enrolled the names of the delegates from Mt. Vernon Church, and nominated the statistics of said church.

ITEM 9. Bro. J. P. Leake, a delegate from Pioneer church, appeared; presented the letter of said church, and took his seat.

ITEM 10 Enrolled the name of Bro. J. P. Leake as a delegate from Pioneer church, and minuted the statistics of the same.

ITEM 11. The committee to whom the query from the Mars Hill church was referred, made a report, accompanied by a resolution, which report recommended the Association to answer said query in the *negative*. On motion, said report was amended by striking therefrom the resolution accompanying said report, and on motion, the report as amended, was unanimously adopted.

ITEM 12. The committee on Abstract of church letters made a report, which was read, and adopted. (See Appendix State of Religion.)

ITEM 13. The committee on Sabbath Schools made a report, which was read, and adopted. (See Appendix Sabbath Schools.)

ITEM 14. The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Mississippi Baptist Education Society, made a report, which was read, and adopted. (See Appendix Mississippi Education Society.)

On motion, a subscription was taken up to aid said Society, which amounted to the sum of $150.

ITEM 15. The report of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of the Missionary and Benevolent Funds, having been examined by the Financial committee, and found correct, was received, read, and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

ITEM 16. The report of Bro. J. A. Jenkins, Treasurer of the Association Fund, having been examined by the Financial committee, and found correct, was received, read, and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

ITEM 17. The report of the Financial committee on Missionary and Benevolent Funds, was received, read, and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

ITEM 18. The Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary made a report, which was read and adopted. (See Appendix Amite Female Seminary.)

ITEM 19. The Standing committee appointed to obtain the services of a suitable Brother as a Missionary to labor within the bounds of this Association, made a report, which was read, and on motion, adopted. (See Appendix Report of Standing committee on Missions.)

ITEM 20. On motion, leave was given to the committee on Obituaries to prepare their report, and hand the same to the clerk for publication, in the Minutes. (See their Report Appendix Obituaries.)

ITEM 21. The brethren appointed to write letters to Corresponding Associations, presented their letters, as follows:

To Mississippi River Association—Bro. M. S. Shirk presented his letter.

To Pearl River Association—Bro. H. M. Knight presented his letter.

To Ebenezer Association—Bro. J. A. Wroten presented his letter.

To Eastern La. Association—Bro. E. Young presented his letter.

To Union Association—Bro. H. H. Thompson presented his letter.

Which said several letters were read and adopted.

ITEM 22. On motion, the order of business was suspended, and leave given to Elder A. Jones, jr. Editor of the "Mississippi Baptist," to address the Association, in behalf of said paper.

At the close of Elder Jones' address, the following resolution was offered by Elder H. McKnight, viz:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the "Mississippi Baptist," and the "Tennessee Baptist," as Baptist papers every way worthy of the patronage of the churches comprising this Association, as said papers are contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, which resolution was seconded by Bro. W. F. Cain, and on motion adopted.

ITEM 23. On motion, opportunity was given to the members of the Association to subscribe for, and make donations, to the Mississippi Baptist.

ITEM 24. On motion, Resolved, That brethren J. W. Felder, W. F. Cain, W. Z. Lea, J. B. Quin, and J. R. Cotton, be appointed a committee to employ a Missionary within the bounds of this Association, to labor in the destitute portions thereof, for the ensuing year.

ITEM 25. On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary, viz: Z. Reeves, L. Perkins, W. L. Johns, W. P. Dodds, J. B. Quin, D. Perkins, H. S. Anderson, S. M. Brian, J. R. Jackson, S. W. Bullock, G. P. Claughton, E. L. Bramblet, W. F. Cain, D. H. Quin, J. G. Morgan, G. F. Webb, C. C. Lea, K. R. Webb, W. A. Lane, D. B. Cain, J. L. Downs, J. W. Felder, R. E. Bates, H. McKnight, J. R. Cotton, B. F. Dixon, J. E. Ford, W. M. Stambaugh.

ITEM 26. On motion, leave was given Elder Samuel Thigpen to read a communication relative to subscriptions to the Bible Revision Society.

ITEM 27. The following resolution was offered by Bro. W. F. Cain, which was seconded, and on motion adopted:

Resolved, That this Association be represented by a delegation in the Sabbath School Convention to be held at Louisville at its ensuing session in November next.

ITEM 28. On motion, the following brethren were appointed delegates to the S. B. S. S. Union Convention to be held at Louisville, viz: W. F. Cain, W. M. Stambaugh, M. S. Shirk, H. McKnight, J. B. Quin, P. Sandifer, Hugh Quin, and on motion, Z. Reeves.

ITEM 29. On motion,

Resolved, That Bro. H. M. Knight be appointed to correspond with the Rail Road Companies, to procure if possible a free passage for the delegates of this body to the Sabbath School Convention, at Louisville, in going to and returning from said Convention.

ITEM 30. On motion,

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren to aid the Shiloh Church in building a house of worship.

ITEM 31. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we deem it more evangelical to use the title Elder, in addressing Ministers of the Gospel, than that of Reverend, as the latter is applied in the Bible to God only.

ITEM 32. On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of a preacher to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting, which resulted in the election of Eld. S. W. Bullock to preach said sermon, and Elder W. Green as alternate.

ITEM 33. On motion,

Resolved, That Bro. H. McKnight be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of 1750 copies of the Minutes of this Association, comprising the business of the present session, and that he receive for his services the sum of $25, and be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

ITEM 34. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, friends, and citizens in the neighborhood of Friendship Church, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this Association during the present session.

ITEM 35. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

ITEM 36. On motion, Mars Hill Church, Amite County, Mississippi, was appointed as the place of the next meeting of this body.

No further business appearing, the Minutes were read and approved, and on motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Mars Hill Church, Amite County, Miss., on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1861.

Prayer by Elder M. S. Shirk.

ZACHARIAH REEVES, Moderator.

H. McKNIGHT, Clerk.

EXERCISES OF MONDAY.

Elder W. W. Keep preached at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Eld. S. Buffkin at 1 o'clock, P. M.; and Elder H. Williams closed the services. The services of this day were deeply interesting. The congregation as on the preceding day, was large and attentive. We trust the Word preached will be as seed sown in good soil.

P. S. Mars Hill Church, Amite County, Mississippi, the place at which the next meeting of the Association is to be held, is on the East Fork of the Amite River, about 15 miles North-east of Liberty.

Ministers of the Mississippi Baptist Association, and their Post-Offices:

Zachariah Reeves,	Liberty,	Miss.
M. S. Shirk,	"	"
H. McKnight,	"	"
Wm. Green,	Fort Adams,	"
D. Eby,	"	"
T. J. Hudson,	Bahala,	"
J. A. Wroten,	Meadville,	"
Elijah Young,	"	"
Elihu McKay,	"	"
Wilson Clark,	Summit,	"
S. W. Bullock,	"	"
Wm. Whitney,	Hamburg,	"
C. L. Oliver,	Friendship,	"
W. M. Stambaugh,	Jackson,	La.
E. M. Tabor,	"	"
H. H. Thompson,	Brookhaven,	Miss.

APPENDICES.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Abstracts of Church Letters.

New Providence Church.—Bro. M. S. Shirk still preaches monthly to this church. During the past year it has enjoyed a precious work of grace, and reports 21 additions by baptism and letter. The good work still continues.

Ebenezer Church.—Also reports 29 additions by baptism and letter. This church is in a prosperous state. Eld. M. S. Shirk is their pastor.

East Fork Church.—Reports peace and fellowship. Elder Z. Reeves is pastor, whose labors have been blessed. Nine members have been added to its fellowship by baptism and letter.

Zion Hill Church.—Rejoices in the conversion of many souls to Christ. Since the last associational meeting, 67 members have been added to its fellowship by letter and baptism. They bless God and take courage. Elder Z. Reeves preaches to them monthly.

Shiloh Church.—Not represented last year. Sends her letter asking aid to build a House of Worship. They are without regular preaching.

Gallilee Church.—Has enjoyed a work of grace, resulting in the addition of 24 members by letter and baptism, with continued interest on the subject of religion. Elder M. S. Shirk was pastor of the church most of the year; since when Elder W. H. F. Edwards has supplied them.

Hopewell Church.—Is in peace and harmony, and God has blessed them with the addition of 23 members by baptism and letter. Elder S. G. Mullins is their pastor.

Mars Hill Church.—Has nothing specially interesting to communicate, but enjoys harmony, and a good degree of religious feeling among its members. Five members were added to their number by baptism and letter, the past year. They send as a query to the Association, "Is it according to apostolic practice to read sermons instead of preaching them." By their resolution, it is not.

Friendship Church, Pike Co. Elder S. W. Bullock is pastor of this church. Harmony and general good feeling prevail throughout the membership. They have received 7 members by baptism and letter during the past year.

Ramah Church.—Has Elder J. A. Wroten as its pastor. They are in harmony among themselves, and have received 7 members by baptism and letter. They cannot recognize written sermons.

Jackson Church, La.—Elder W. M. Stambaugh is pastor of this church, which has greatly prospered under his ministry. During the past year they have received 40 members by letter and baptism, and have commenced the erection of a large and commodious house of worship.

Mt. Pleasant Church.—Has been blessed with the addition of 15 members. They give thanks to God for His grace in salvation. Elder S. W. Bullock is their pastor.

Liberty Church.—Has enjoyed a refreshing from the Lord, after a season of discouraging coldness. Elder H. McKnight is their pastor, under whose ministry they have received 27 members by letter and baptism during the past year.

Mt. Zion Church, Franklin Co.—Rejoice in the visitation of God's Spirit, and in the conversion of their friends and neighbors. During the past year, there have been added 43 members by letter and baptism to their fellowship. Elder Z. Reeves is their pastor.

Friendship Church, Franklin county.—Complains of a want of growth in grace and in numbers. They are in peace among themselves, and have received 6 members to their fellowship. Elder Wm. East is their pastor.

Spring Hill church.—Is without a pastor. They rejoice in the appointment of Elder W. H. F. Edwards as Missionary of the Association, with whose ministry they have been occasionally favored.

Mt. Zion church, Copiah county.—Elder T. J. Hudson preaches to this church. Nine members have been added to their fellowship during the past year; yet they mourn over their want of zeal and inefficiency.

Bogue Chitto church.—While this church has been made to rejoice in the conversion of souls, and in the addition of 24 members by baptism and letter to their fellowship, they have also been called to mourn the loss of four of their numbers by death. Elder Z. Reeves is still pastor of this church, and has been for 28 years.

Mt. Moriah church.—Reports 7 additions by baptism and letter. A good degree of religious interest is manifested in their midst. They are blessed with the ministrations of Elder W. H. Bailey, as their pastor.

Sarepta church.—Enjoys the ministerial labors of Elder H. H. Thompson. Sixteen members have been added to their number during the past year by baptism.

Macedonia church.—Reports 15 additions to their membership, by baptism and letter, under the ministerial labors of Elder H. H. Thompson as pastor. A good degree of religious feeling exists among its members.

Percy's Creek church.—Has been blessed with a precious revival of religion during the past associational year. Elder Wm. Green is their pastor, and through his instrumentality, forty-five have been added to the church by baptism.

Woodville Bethel church.—Has been without a pastor, but have secured the services of Elder C. S. McCloud for the next year, commencing 1st January. They report two additions by letter.

Shady Grove church.—Enjoys the pastoral labors of Elder S. W. Bullock. They report large and attentive congregations, and fifteen added by letter and baptism the past year. They disapprove of preaching from written manuscripts.

Fort Adams church.—Rejoices in a great and glorious outpouring of the Spirit of God, and in the conversion and baptism of 50 precious souls. They have also received two by letter. Elder Wm. Green is their pastor.

Holmesville church.—Is supplied in the Ministry by Elder Hugh Quin. They have received 8 members by baptism and letter, the past year.

Union church.—Mourns the death of their pastor, Eld. F. Clark, owing to whose feeble health during the year they attribute their want of success. They report no additions.

Damascus church.—Enjoys the faithful ministrations of Elder C. L. Oliver as pastor, by whose labors the church has been revived, and 26 members have been added to its fellowship.

St. Helena church.—Not represented.

Cold Springs church.—Not represented.

Pioneer church.—Mourns the loss of their pastor, Eld. F. Clark, but have been much refreshed by the labors of the Missionary of the Association, under whose labors they have received an addition of 14 by baptism. They are poor, and hope the Association will aid them in securing preaching, by sending them a Missionary.

The churches have been unusually blessed the past year. They report peace and prosperity. Four hundred and have been added by baptism to the churches during the year. To God be all the glory.

WM. GREEN, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee deem this subject one of the most important which engages the attention of the Association. They are gratified to notice the increasing interest exhibited therein by the churches. A few years since we could scarcely name a single Sabbath School within our bounds. Now about one-third of the churches report the establishment and maintenance of flourishing Sabbath Schools, in which are gathered at regular intervals about 300 children.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," says the Scriptures. We, as Baptists, profess to observe the teachings of the Word of God; indeed it is our *only* rule of faith and practice. Here is a plain injunction; shall we not follow it, as well as other teachings of the Word? Too long has this matter been neglected; and sad, often, has been the result. Children of Baptist parents have grown up in comparative ignorance of our principles, and have sometimes been won over to another religious belief,—have united possibly with other denominations.

Now, your committee by no means wish to be understood to advocate Sabbath Schools to supplant the teaching which ought to be done at home. On the contrary, it is the instruction given there which they would have impressed, and if possible more thoroughly inculcated still. Let us bear in mind that early impressions are the most lasting, and it is difficult to determine how soon in life the mind of a child may have a truth indelibly fixed upon it. There is a sect in the religious world which understands this too well, alas! and we see the tenacity with which its subjects cling to the errors so effectually instilled into their minds in early life.

Much more might be said, but your committee would not weary you with a lengthy report. They hope that every Baptist will think prayerfully over the matter, and they feel satisfied that all will come to the conclusion that a good Sabbath School ought to be established in every church, and destitute neighborhood, within the limits of this Association. In conclusion, therefore, permit us to suggest the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each church composing this Association be recommended to establish at least one Sabbath School, under its control, and report full statistics yearly, to the Association.

Resolved, That we further recommend the use of our own denominational books in said Sabbath Schools, and suggest the publication of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union as the most suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAIN, Chairman.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Mississippi Baptist Education Society, beg leave to report: Your committee cannot too warmly recommend said Society to your support. Give it your assistance accor ling as the Lord has prospered you, and thus advance the cause of our blessed Redeemer. Aid this Society with your means, that it may be able to assist all those who call upon it properly recommended and endorsed by the churches in procuring an education. All cannot preach or teach; but, brethren, is there an idler's seat in the kingdom of our God? No: We must all work. The poor widow worked by contributing her mite, so every member of Christ's body can do something. Contribute of your means as you are only stewards holding in trust what you have. Your committee would recommend that a subscription be now taken up to aid said Society in its great work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. QUIN,
W. P. DODDS, } Com.

APPENDIX A.

JAMES B. QUIN—*Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Funds, in account with the Mississippi Baptist Association:*

Your Treasurer charges himself with the following sums received on account of said funds:

To balance per last report	$ 101	47
" this sum for Foreign Missions	65	00
" " " Indian and Domestic Missions	108	70
" " " Home Missions in our bounds	208	35
" " " paid on pledge by G. P. Claughton to Bro. Edwards	25	00
	$508	52

Your Treasurer prays allowance, as follows:

For disbursements on account of said Funds:—

1	By this amount paid E. Wortham on account of Foreign and African Missions	65	00
2	" " paid W. Hornbuckle on account of Indian and Domestic Missions	108	70
3	" " paid Elder Edwards, Missionary, July, 1860	150	00
4	" " paid Elder Edwards this day	150	00
		$473	70

Amount charged	$508 52
" allowed	473 70
Balance on hand	$ 34 82

Of the above balance on hand, $2 is due the Bible Cause, $2 97 the Educational Fund, and the balance $29 85 is due Home Missions. With this explanation the Treasurer submits his report.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. QUIN,

Treasurer of the Missionary and Benevolent Funds.

We, the committee on Finance, have examined the above account, find the amounts charged, and vouchers for disbursements all correct.

D. H. QUIN,
JAS. J. CAIN,
J. W. FELDER, } Com.

October 15, 1860.

APPENDIX B.

JAMES A. JENKINS, Treasurer,
In account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:—

To balance on hand per last report		$ 50 83
" amount contributions from the churches		161 75
	Total	$212 58

The Treasurer prays allowance, as follows:

1	By amount	W. Clark, messenger	14 days	$ 28 00	
2	" "	Z. Reeves, "	11 "	22 00	
3	" "	C. L. Oliver, "	6 "	12 00	
4	" "	E. Young, "	9 "	18 00	
5	" "	S. W. Bullock, "	5 "	10 00	
6	" "	paid for printing these Minutes,		95 00	
7	" "	for superintending and distributing the same		25 00	
					$210 00

Amount charged	$212 58
" allowed	210 00
Balance on hand	$ 2 58

J. A. JENKINS, Treasurer.

We, the committee on Finance, have examined the above account, and find the same correct.

D. H. QUIN,
J. W. FELDER,
JAS. J. CAIN. } Com.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

In hands of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of said funds, received October session 1860 of the Mississippi Baptist Association:—

New Providence church.

Indian Missions	$ 6 00	
Home "	6 00	— 12 00
Ebenezer church.		
Home Missions	25 00	— 25 00

Mt. Zion church, Franklin county.

Indian Missions	4 00	
African "	4 00	
Home Missions	1 75—	9 75
Zion Hill church.		
Bible Cause	2 55—	2 55
Hopewell church.		
Indian Missions	5 25	
Home "	5 25—	10 50
Gallilee church.		
Home Missions	15 85—	15 85
Friendship church, Pike county.		
Home Missions	6 50—	6 50
Mt. Pleasant church.		
Home Missions	4 80—	4 80
Jackson church.		
African Missions	5 00—	5 00
Liberty church.		
Home Missions	28 60---	28 60
Mt. Zion church, (Copiah Co.)		
Home Missions	10 30---	10 30
Boguechitto church.		
Bible Cause	1 25	
Indian Missions	18 75	
Foreign "	1 50	
Home "	6 25—	27 75
Woodville Bethel church.		
Home Missions	6 00—	6 00
Shady Grove church.		
Home Missions	2 00—	2 00
Fort Adams church.		
Home Missions	6 00—	6 00
Holmesville church.		
Home Missions	2 50—	2 50
Union church.		
Home Missions	5 00—	5 00
Pioneer church.		
Home Missions	10 00—	10 00
Mars Hill church.		
Indian Missions	2 00	
Foreign " (China)	2 00	
Home "	3 50—	7 50
J. P. Claughton, Pledge Home Missions	5 00—	5 00
S. E. McDonald, " " "	25 00—	25 00
Public Collection on Sabbath		49 70
		$277 80

RECAPITULATION.

Bible Cause, the sum of.....	$ 3 80
Indian Missions.....	36 00
Foreign Missions.....	12 50
Home Missions (Bounds Association)....	225 00
Total.....	$277 30

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. QUIN,
JAS. J. CAIN,
J. W. FELDER. } Financial Committee.

APPENDIX D.

AMITE FEMALE SEMINARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS:—

The Board of Visitors of this school, after another year has been added to its already respectable age, desire to present to you and the public, the annual report of their body, and in it, report their views and opinion of its merits as a place for the training of the minds of the pupils sent there for education. The early part of the last session was interfered with to some extent, by difficulties growing out of circumstances over which the Principal of the school could exercise no controling influence by anticipating them, but when brought to his knowledge were promptly and effectually removed, and the cause at once disposed of to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the school; since which time it has moved quietly on with its accustomed harmony.

Elder M. S. Shirk, the Principal, has made additional and useful improvements to his school buildings, for the comfort and convenience of those in attendance, and for more rapid advancement in the course of study required of them. The grade of scholarship is high, and requires considerable time to finish a thorough course, but when completed we can and do say the pupils are educated.

Changes will be made in the corps of teachers for the next long session, which will afford additional advantages in some of the departments not now so fully enjoyed as may be with the contemplated changes.

The present examination commencing July 10th, 1860, closes the exercises of a ten month's session, from the

26th September, 1859, and the eighth year of the existence of this institution of learning, and in a section of country like this where we have witnessed school after school drift along the tide of passing events to their wreck and ruin, after an existence of one or two years; we cannot do otherwise than regard the age of this school as one of the very best of arguments in its favor. It must have merits above ordinary schools, or it would have long since shared the common fate of those commencing with it, but which have ceased to be enrolled among living things.

It has been but a short time that our daughters could be properly educated in a Southern climate. It was thought by some that Northern schools were indispensably necessary to a thorough education, but happily for the country and age in which we live, we can now find a school at home, of high character, where can be obtained a thorough education, and where no influence other than that of home origin controls the pupils, where sentiments are inculcated by the teachers favorable to the institutions of the South, and where no change of climate affects the health of our daughters. Such a school as this, we think, is the Amite Female Seminary, which is within the reach of all of us; where at a moderate expense our daughters can be educated free from that prejudice which sooner or later warps the intellect, and directs it in a channel in conflict with the best interests of our section of country. Let it extend its influence, grow in vigor, and enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

The fruits of this school are already being realized in our community. Many who have received their education at the Amite Female Seminary have gone to take, and have taken their stand point in life's career; from whom emanate the happy influences resulting from a knowledge of the great duties and responsibilities of cultivated minds, characterized by a performance of their high behests. We can and do heartily recommend this school to your favorable consideration, and ask your co-operation with us in its recommendation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. WEBB, }
C. C. LEA, } Com.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The standing committee on Missions, beg leave to report:—

Sometime after the last session of this Association, your committee obtained the services of Elder W. H. F. Edwards, for three-fourths of his time as a Missionary, within the bounds of this Association. Your committee had no meeting from that time until the present session of this body. Bro. Edwards entered the field of labor assigned him on the first of April last, and continued in the same for six months ending October 1st, 1860. During which time he has traveled over 2000 miles, preached 100 sermons, delivered 15 exhortations, held 12 prayer meetings, assisted in 8 meetings, baptized 20, and received 3 others who are now waiting the Ordinance. At meetings in which Bro. Edwards assisted, 130 willing converts have put on Christ in baptism. Our Missionary has been kindly received by the people wherever he has gone, and generally they have been willing hearers of the Word. Never, perhaps, in the history of our Association, has there been a time more favorable for the spread of the truth as it is in Jesus among the people than at present. They have been fed on the husks of error so long, and finding it so unsatisfying to their immortal natures that they are inquiring after the truth, desiring the sincere milk of the Word. The field is white ready to the harvest.

Brethren—it remains for you to say whether or not you will embrace this opportunity to go up and possess the land. Your committee would recommend that a Missionary be employed to labor within the bounds of this Association for the ensuing year, and that a committee of five be appointed to procure the services of a suitable brother to labor as such missionary, within the bounds of this Association, and especially in the destitute parts thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee appointed to prepare Obituary notices, beg leave to report :—

That it becomes their painful duty to record the death of two beloved brethren, Elder Frederick Clark, a Minister of our denomination, and a member of this Association; and Bro. John Everette, a Deacon of East Fork Church.

Elder Clark departed this life on the 13th day of July, 1860, at the residence of brother G. F. Webb, near the town of Liberty, in Amite County. Bro. Clark at the time of his decease, was in the 63d year of his age. He had been a preacher of the Gospel for about 40 years. For the last 8 years he labored within the bounds of this Association. Of his early life we know but little. Since his residence among us up to the period of his death, he maintained the character of an humble devoted Christian minister. He labored with zeal and fervency in the Master's vineyard. His heart was in every good work. He was instrumental in the conversion of many souls to God, and has gone to share the reward of those that turn "many to righteousness." In his intercourse with his fellow-men, he always exhibited the meekness, kindness, and charity of one taught of the Spirit of God. He never spoke evil of any man, and in this respect set an example worthy of imitation by all. But he has gone. His remains sleep in their narrow dwelling place, but his immortal spirit has gone, we trust, to join that numerous throng in the presence of God, "who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Bro. John Everette departed this life on the 5th day of August, 1860. He was born in Richland District, South Carolina, on the 31st July, 1793. He emigrated to Amite County, in this State, in 1829. He professed Christ, and was baptized into the fellowship of the East Fork Baptist Church, in 1827, and was ordained a deacon of said church in the year 1838. Bro. Everette was in the highest sense an upright citizen and devout Christian. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. As a christian, he loved the cause of his Saviour, and as a deacon he was faithful and efficient. As a parent he was kind and faithful. As a husband, devotedly affectionate. He died in the triumphs of faith, with a clear view of his acceptance with God,—and has gone to that rest that remains for the people of God.

Brethren—while we mourn the loss of these beloved brethren, let us be consoled by the promises of the Gospel. "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Let us remember that we also must die. May we live the life of the righteous, that our last ends may be like theirs.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McKNIGHT, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized	Rec. by Let'r.	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Dismissed	Whites	Blacks	Total	Ministers.	Copies of Minutes.	Contributions	Time of Meeting.
New Providence..	R J Causey, S H Thompson	Amite	Liberty	18	3	....	1	....	3	63	42	105	....	50	$ 6 00	4th
Ebenezer	C C Lea, W H Gunby, M A Dunn...	"	"	22	7	1	1	2	7	102	61	163	....	75	9 00	1st & 3d
East Fork	Z Reeves, J W Felder	"	"	2	5	....	2	2	3	79	25	104	1	75	5 00	2d
Zion Hill	Samuel O'Neal, J J Cain	"	Zion Hill	63	4	1	4	2	3	80	30	110	....	75	5 00	Fri. b. 4
Shiloh	Letter	Wilkinson	Holly Retreat	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	40	44	....	12	3 00	.....
Galilee	S Jackson, G G Longmire	Amite	Centreville	23	1	2	3	....	11	61	35	96	....	50	6 00	2d
Hopewell	W P Dodds, J E Ford,	Franklin	Meadville	18	5	1	1	....	4	46	23	69	....	50	6 00	.....
Mars Hill	W F Cain, H Gordon	Amite	Smithdale	1	4	..	1	....	1	52	5	57	....	60	5 00	3d
Friendship, Pike co	S W Bullock, W A Young	Pike	Summit	6	1	....	..	3	1	78	6	84	2	70	6 50	2d
Ramah	J A Wroten, E Young	Franklin	Bogue Chitto	7	....	....	2	1	....	32	9	41	2	30	3 00	.....
Jackson	S M Brian, W M Stambaugh	E. Feliciana	Jackson, La.	31	9	4	1	3	4	78	156	234	1	40	8 15	Ev. Sab.
Mt. Pleasant	R Albritton, J Albritton	Pike	Bogue Chitto	13	2	3	....	1	5	50	10	60	....	50	5 00	4th
Liberty	M S Shirk, J E Bates, H McKnight, W Z Lea	Amite	Liberty	26	1	1	1	....	5	168	65	233	2	75	8 00	1 & 2d
Mt. Zion, Franklin	H S Anderson, D B Cain, J R Cotton	Franklin	Meadville	40	3	4	1	6	2	132	28	160	....	100	10 00	4th
Friendship, Frank	J D Oliver, J E Bird	"	Brookhaven	5	1	....	2	....	5	66	7	73	....	25	2 50	3d
Spring Hill	J P Claughton, W C Hammack	"	Knoxville	....	....	....	1	2	2	35	7	42	....	25	3 00	2d
Mt. Zion, Copiah co	T J Hudson, A Ray	Copiah	Bahala	8	1	3	....	....	5	94	10	104	1	70	8 00	4th
Bogue Chitto	J B Quin, J Curtis, J C Walker	Pike	Holmesville	19	5	....	....	4	6	116	35	151	....	75	10 00	1st
Mt. Moriah	T J Martin, M Hickman	"	Brookhaven	6	1	1	....	....	11	58	1	59	....	40	5 00	3d
Sarepta	A B Linder	Franklin	Uni'n Church	16	....	1	....	....	....	42	12	54	1	30	5 00	3d
Macedonia	J Kaigle, H H Thompson	Copiah	Brookhaven	8	7	....	..	....	....	62	7	69	3	30	4 00	1st
Percy's Creek	S E McDonald, J S Morris	Wilkinson	Percy's Creek	45	....	3	1	1	....	74	96	170	....	50	6 00	2d & 4th
St. Helena	No Delegation	St Helena, La	Darlington	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Woodville Bethel	J S Smith, H Smith	Wilkinson	Woodville	....	....	....	1	....	1	29	33	62	....	40	6 00	2d & 4th
Shady Grove	W McCalla, H Moak	Pike	Summit	13	2	....	....	1	1	61	5	66	....	25	5 00	3d
Fort Adams	W Green, D Eby, J Ray	Wilkinson	Fort Adams	50	2	2	2	3	3	112	93	205	2	80	6 00	1st & 3d
Holmesville	P Sandifer, D H Quin	Pike	Holmesville	7	1	....	....	....	....	33	6	39	....	25	2 50	2d & 4th
Cold Springs	No Delegation	Wilkinson	Cold Springs	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Pioneer	J P Leake	"	Buffalo	14	....	....	....	....	....	29	3	32	....	30	3 00	3d
Union	W Seale, J F Long	Franklin	Hamburg	....	....	....	....	2	....	15	5	20	....	20	3 00	2d & 4th
Damascus	C L Oliver, A Wilson	"	Friendship	17	9	2	....	....	....	51	2	53	1	25	5 00	1st
Mt. Vernon	J M Sutton, W Prestidge	Lawrence	Bogue Chitto	15	2	....	....	....	1	28	....	28	....	30	4 00	2d

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